

AUSTRALASIA.

The report of the Department of Mines of Victoria for 1906 has recently been issued. The gold output of the State for the year is given as 772,290 ounces, the chief producing fields being: Bendigo, 221,187 crude ounces; Ballarat, 164,065 crude ounces; Beechworth, 134,812 crude ounces; Castlemaine, 99,386 crude ounces; Gippsland, 97,180 crude ounces; and Maryborough, 80,267 crude ounces. The number of men engaged in the industry were 25,304.

Dividends paid by Western Australia mines during the first seven months of 1907 aggregated £1,031,084. All reports from this State are most satisfactory and an exceptionally good year's results are anticipated.

YUKON TERRITORY.

WHITE HORSE.—Extensive ledges of copper-bearing rock have been discovered this season at the mouth of Williams Creek, between Dawson City and White Horse. A settlement named Bornite City has sprung up.

SOUTH AFRICA.

According to the official report on the mining industry of Natal in 1906, the output of coal in the year was 1,238,713 tons, or an increase of 109,306 over 1905. The colony possesses 24 productive collieries, employing 6,557 persons. The establishment of iron and steel works in the Vryheid district is arranged for, iron ore deposits of good quality having been discovered to the north-east of Holblane Mountain.

It is estimated that the new tax imposed by the Cape Assembly on diamond and copper companies will yield the Government a revenue of £360,000 per annum.

A deposit of cinnabar, occurring in a zone of sandstones associated with quartz and quartzites, which can be traced for some miles on the strike has been discovered west of Hector's Spruit on the Delogoa Bay line. The ore is said to average from 6 to 7 per cent. and it is proposed to treat it by the Elmore process.

South Rhodesia gold production to the end of July reached 2,335,573 ounces.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS

Following are the ore shipments and smelter receipts in South-eastern British Columbia district for the week ending October 19th and year to date, in tons:—

Shipments—	Week.	Year.
Boundary . . . . .	33,989	1,017,802
Rossland . . . . .	6,938	218,570
East of Columbia River . . . . .	5,940	119,515
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>46,867</b>	<b>1,355,887</b>

  

Smelter receipts—	Week.	Year.
Grand Forks . . . . .	21,966	551,660
Greenwood . . . . .	6,809	276,169
Boundary Falls . . . . .	3,185	158,394
Trail . . . . .	6,582	197,796
Nelson . . . . .	.....	11,340
Northport . . . . .	2,938	77,826
Marysville . . . . .	600	25,200
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>42,080</b>	<b>1,298,385</b>

Cobalt shipments for week ending October 19th were:—La Rose, 5 cars, 141 tons; McKinley-Darragh, 4 cars, 132 tons; O'Brien, 1 car, 32 tons; Drummond, 1 car, 32 tons; Kerr Lake, 1 car, 40 tons. McKinley sent 1 car to Perth Amboy, 3 to Denver, 3 to Toronto; O'Brien, 1 to Deloro; Drummond, 1 to Perth Amboy. Kerr Lake, 1 to Perth Amboy. The total is 368 tons, of which 131 tons, or over one-third, were sent to the Denver smelters.

The output of the collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the week ending October 18th was 24,133 tons; daily average, 4,022 tons.

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The production of gold at the Rand in September is officially announced at £2,284,425. The out-turn in August was 555,037 fine ounces, and in September last year 505,111 fine ounces.

The following table gives the output of gold at the Rand (in fine ounces) for a series of years:—

	1907.	1906.	1905.
January . . . . .	537,638	428,638	369,258
February . . . . .	493,542	407,668	363,811
March . . . . .	538,497	443,723	399,823
April . . . . .	537,019	439,243	399,166
May . . . . .	524,477	461,202	416,395
June . . . . .	507,559	475,975	412,317
July . . . . .	532,711	491,793	419,505
August . . . . .	555,037	509,115	428,581
September . . . . .	538,034	505,111	416,487

Following are the weekly shipments from Cobalt camp, and those from January 1 to date:—

	Week ending Oct. 12	Since Jan. 1
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Buffalo . . . . .	60,000	1,998,830
La Rose . . . . .	87,000	1,316,852
McKinley-Darragh . . . . .	144,720	504,980
Nipissing . . . . .	61,010	4,151,301
Townsite . . . . .	42,000	192,078

The total shipments for the week were 394,730 pounds, or 197 tons.

Following are the weekly shipments from Cobalt camp, and those from January 1 to date:—

	Week ending Oct. 19	Since Jan. 1
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Drummond . . . . .	64,830	108,920
Kerr Lake (Jacoubs) . . . . .	59,950	433,730
La Rose . . . . .	281,710	1,598,562
McKinley-Darragh . . . . .	266,260	771,240
O'Brien . . . . .	64,575	2,345,580

The total shipments for the week were 737,325 pounds, or 368 tons. The total shipments since Jan. 1, 1907, are now 20,087,875